

**We claim:**

1. A split end removing device (1) consisting of a removable attachment (3) for a haircutting machine (2), said split end removing device comprising

first and second parallel hair strand guiding sections (4,5) spaced from each other with a spacing (X);

a third hair strand guiding section (6) releasably positionable in a working position (A) between the first and second hair strand guiding sections (4,5) parallel to the first and second hair strand guiding sections (4,5), wherein said first, second and third parallel hair strand guiding sections (4,5,6) are formed so that a head hair strand (7) placed under the first and second hair strand guiding sections (4,5) is grasped from below by the third hair strand guiding section (6) in said working position so that said hair strand is approximately U-shaped; and

means for releasable attachment to said haircutting machine (2) so that a cutting head (8) of the haircutting machine (2) is held fixed so that only split ends (9) of the hair strand (7) are cut away from the hair strand (7) when the hair strand (7) is drawn through said hair strand guiding sections (4,5,6);

wherein the third hair strand guiding section (6) is a separate part (10) that is completely removable from a remaining portion of the split end removing device (1) and the third hair strand guiding section (6) includes a handle section (12) at a first end (11) of the third hair strand guiding section (6).

2. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said third hair strand guiding section (6) includes a row (13) of comb teeth.
3. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said third hair strand guiding section (6) includes a parting tip (15) at a second end (14) of said third hair strand guiding section (6).
4. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, further comprising retaining means (16) for holding the head hair strand (7) in the vicinity of the third hair strand guiding section (6) in a curved shape when said third hair strand guiding section is in the working position (A).
5. The split end removing device as defined in claim 4, wherein said retaining means (16) comprises an elastic or springy guide wall (17).
6. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a strand pressing device (18) on a side of the second hair strand guiding section (5).
7. The split end removing device as defined in claim 6, wherein said strand pressing device (18) comprises a leaf spring or flat spring element (19).

8. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, further comprising means for removably attaching said third hair strand guiding device (6) from a left side or right side thereof with said remaining portion.

9. The split end removing device as defined in claim 8, wherein said means for removably attaching comprises catch means (20,20A), which holds the third hair strand guiding section (6) in the working position (A).

10. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said first, second and third hair strand guiding sections (4,5,6) are each provided with a smooth surface (21) for minimizing frictional resistance.

11. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said first, second and third hair strand guiding sections (4,5,6) are each provided with a round-shaped or circular-shaped cross-section.

12. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of said first, second and third hair strand guiding sections (4,5,6) comprise a fixed roller (Rf) or an axially rotatable roller (Rr).

13. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said remaining portion consists of a one-piece plastic part.

14. The split end removing device as defined in claim 1, wherein said means for releasable attachment with the hair cutting machine (2) comprises receptacle (22) in said remaining portion.